timely application of insecticide/nematicide; and

(iii) Dissemination of information on control of Weevil through mass media.

Declaring Indian agricultural products as pollution hazard

2126. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any instances of Indian Agricultural products having been declared as pollution hazard in foreign countries;

(b) whether it is a fact that products of multinational corporations are being promoted in India; and

(c) if so, what measures have been taken by Government to safeguard the interests of Indian farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) No such information has been received by the Government.

(b) and (c) Government, on its own, does not promote the products of multinational corporations. However, in order to ensure that the farmers of the country are not put to any hardship, the Government has put in place a suitable mechanism for monitoring the import of sensitive items and is committed to providing adequate protection to the domestic producers by resorting to various WTO compatible measures which include appropriate calibration of applied tariffs within the bound levels, imposition of anti-dumping, countervailing duties and safeguard action under certain specified circumstances.

Benefit of credit linked subsidy scheme to farmers

2127. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of credit linked subsidy scheme for farmers; and

(b) how many small farmers availed of benefit from the scheme for